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Attorney's Docket No. 000952-066

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
John R. Peery ) Group Art Unit: 3763  
Application No.: 09/296,582 ) Examiner: J. Maynard  
Filed: April 23, 1999 )  
For: TROCAR FOR INSERTING IMPLANTS )

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**AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2001, for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (248) ☐ \$110.00 (148) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 (279) ☐ \$740.00 (179) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_, on \_\_, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- ☐ No additional claim fee is required.

☒ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

| AMENDED CLAIMS   |               |   |              |                   |               |
|--|---------------|---|--------------|-------------------|---------------|
|  | NO. OF CLAIMS | HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE              | ADDT'L FEE    |
| Total Claims   | 22            | MINUS 20 =                                | 2            | × \$18.00 (103) = | 36.00         |
| Independent Claims   | 5             | MINUS 4 =                                 | 1            | × \$84.00 (102) = | 84.00         |
| If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (104)        |               |   |              |                   | --            |
| Total Amendment Fee  |               |   |              |                   | 120.00        |
| If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee |               |   |              |                   | --            |
| <b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>                     |               |   |              |                   | <b>120.00</b> |

☒ A claim fee in the amount of \$ 120.00 is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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In response to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2001, Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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Please cancel Claims 19 and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

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02 FC:102 84.00 OP